



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 6, 2006

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Proposition 40 Urban Storm Water Program Grant For Las Positas Storm Water Management Project

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara approving the filing of an application for grant funds from the Proposition 40 Urban Storm water Program administered by the California State Water Resources Control Board, pursuant to the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, for the Las Positas Storm Water Management Project.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, was passed by California voters in March 2002. It amended the Public Resources Code to add, among other articles, Section 30930 authorizing the State Water Resources Control Board to administer the Urban Storm Water Program (USWP) for the purpose of awarding grants to local public agencies for projects designed to implement storm water runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs. There are \$14.25 million in funds available under the USWP in 2006.

The purpose of the Las Positas Storm Water Management Project is to detain and treat polluted storm water and incidental urban runoff from a portion of Las Positas Road, the Samarkand and San Jose Lane neighborhoods, and the Santa Barbara Golf Club, in order to improve water quality downstream in Las Positas Creek, Arroyo Burro, and the Arroyo Burro Estuary. The detention systems will also detain storm water to reduce downstream flow rates into Las Positas Creek, and thereby increase the feasibility for additional downstream water quality treatment projects.

On May 10, 2005, the City Council authorized the Parks and Recreation Department to contract with WRC Consulting Services (WRC) to prepare detailed conceptual design

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plans for the project. The cost to prepare the conceptual design plans was \$44,950. On November 16, 2005, the Creeks Advisory Committee concurred (8/0) with the staff recommendation to move forward with preliminary design and technical studies to facilitate environmental review and permitting. On February 28, 2006, the City Council authorized an amendment to the contract with WRC in the amount of \$36,214 to provide preliminary designs and technical studies. The total cost of the project to date is \$81,164.

In February 2006, the Creeks Division submitted a concept proposal for the Las Positas Storm Water Management Project to the State Water Resources Control Board's Consolidated Grants Program, which includes the USWP. In April 2006, the Creeks Division was invited to submit a full proposal to the USWP by June 9, 2006.

The Creeks Division recommends that Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to submit an application for \$950,000 to construct the Las Positas Storm Water Management Project. This project fits well with the grant proposal criteria.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

It is estimated that the cost to design, permit, and construct the project is \$1,334,000. The Creeks Division recommends that the City apply for \$950,000 from the Urban Storm Water Program. The program requires a 25% match. If grant funds are awarded, the City's match would total \$384,000, or 29% of the total project cost. The match would include the funds expended since February 2006 for the preliminary design. It is anticipated that Measure B funds would provide the match. Funds for the City's match are available in the Creeks Division Capital Program.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office